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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Erhard LIEBIG, et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: 10/002,149 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: December 5, 2001 )  
For: FLOW MACHINE AND PROCESS OF )  
OPERATION )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be entered.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the verified English translated specification (being filed on even date herewith) with the attached substitute specification. A marked-up copy of the specification is provided to show the changes made from the verified English translated specification, and no new matter has been added.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please amend Claims 1-18 as follows:*

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1. (Amended) A flow machine comprising:  
a compressor, said compressor having an intake duct;  
at least one turbine;  
an exhaust duct connected to the at least one turbine directly or through intermediate elements;